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Honorable Robert A. Borski  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Borski:

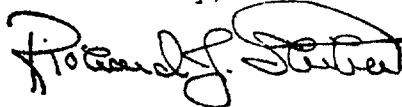
This is in reply to your letter of March 3, 1993, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals, plus two discussion papers released March 1, 1993.

We are, of course, sensitive to the needs of all users of spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications. Your letter will be included in the record of the proceeding and will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben  
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division

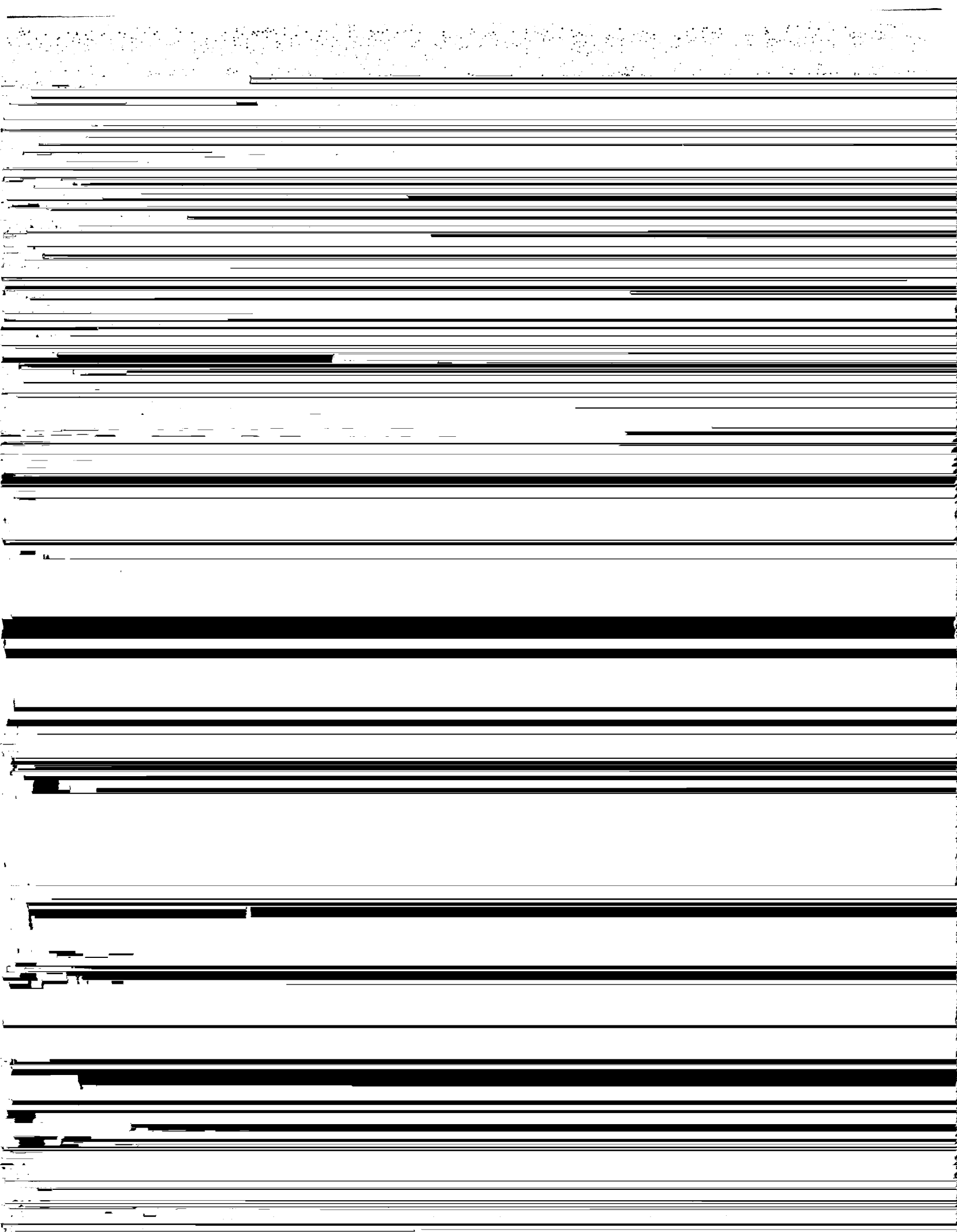
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Ms. Linda Townsend Solheim  
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Dear Ms. Solheim:

I am writing to you on behalf of several constituents, who are concerned about the proposed rule making on PR Docket 92-235.

I have enclosed copies of the correspondence I recently received regarding these concerns. Please investigate this matter and forward me the information necessary for reply.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

  
ROBERT A. BORSKI  
Member of Congress

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February 2, 1993

The Honorable Robert Borski  
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Dear Sir:

I was unhappy to learn of the new proposed rules NPRM-PR Docket 92-235 regarding the FCC's proposal for inserting frequencies between a number of frequencies allocated to the use of model hobby pursuits. These boats, planes and cars, while considered toys, do have a potential for harm by virtue of their power and their weight. Some of the model airplanes I am involved with weigh 20 lbs. or more and operate at speeds in and around 100 mph at various times. The single greatest reason for crashes from these model airplanes is radio interference many times by inadvertent modelers turning on a transmitter on the same existing frequency and sometimes from being "swamped" by frequencies covering the frequencies we are utilizing.

I have been involved with various phases of model hobbies since the late 40's. It strongly influenced by choice in professions and still has not lost its shine and represents much of my enjoyment in my limited off hours. I suggest strongly that these proposed encroachments be rejected as they will introduce a potential danger to the public welfare, as well as making repurchase of equipment necessary causing undo cost on a limited segment of your constituencies. I would appreciate support in this request for overturning the proposed rule NPRM-PR Docket 92-235.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



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February 21, 1993

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The Honorable Robert A. Borski  
Philadelphia, Pa

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Dear Mr. Borski,

I am currently contemplating retirement from my federal job. In preparation for that day, I have acquired radio controlled model airplane equipment and had hoped to derive many hours of enjoyment from that hobby. I am active in the Northeast Philadelphia Radio Control Model Airplane Club whose members also enjoy operating radio controlled models.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are under consideration by the FCC (PR Docket 92-235). If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and the attendant liability for losing control of the flying models.

All of the concerned frequencies are within the 72-76 MHz band. The band is primarily used to dispatch mobile operations. However, our frequencies are currently far enough apart from the mobile operations so that we can safely share the band without interfering with each other.

Now, the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result many mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference with each other.

With these changes the mobile radio operator, when interfered with, will hear a little static on his radio. Meanwhile, the model plane operator, when interfered with, will see his plane which took hundreds of hours of building and great expense, come crashing into the ground. Or worse yet, the plane goes flying away to ultimately smash into the windshield of an unsuspecting motorist.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the conditions of business operators at the expense of model plane operators. Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Coyne

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February 17, 1993

Hon. Robert A. Borski  
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RE: Federal Communication Commission  
Notice of Proposed Rule Making: PR Docket 92-235

*Bob*  
Dear Representative Borski:

I am a Municipal Court Judge in Philadelphia and in my spare time I build and fly miniature radio controlled model aircraft. This hobby-sport gives me and hundreds of thousands of others nationwide many hours of relaxation and outdoor recreational activity.

In the Philadelphia area I belong to the Valley Forge Signal Seekers RC Club with over 300 members, the Northeast Philadelphia RC Club with 140 members and the Delaware Valley RC Club with 50 members. There are numerous other clubs in the area.

The Federal Communications Commission presently has before it a proposal, cited above, which if approved will seriously interfere with the continued safe use of radio controlled model aircraft and may well result in the

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The Honorable Robert A. Borski  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Mr. Borski,

I am an active member of two local radio control airplane flying clubs. Our club is growing and I instruct newcomers to the hobby as well. I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember and was a jet instructor pilot in the United States Air Force when I became highly involved with this hobby. I enjoy promoting our clubs whose members construct and operate radio controlled model airplanes.

I am presently concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the number of usable frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 will be left if the new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.



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Reference to P.R. Docket 92-235

Hi

I am retired and 72 years of age.

I enjoy building and flying Radio Controlled  
model airplanes.

I have approx \$1000.00 worth of Radio Controls  
that I accumulated over the years. I could  
not afford to replace it all now.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek  
to improve operating condition of land model Radio  
users at the expense of Radio Control models.  
Let me continue to enjoy my hobby using the  
equipment I have.

Thank you

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February 7, 1993

The Honorable Robert Borski  
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PR Docket 92-235

Dear Mr. Borski:

I am retired and an active club officer and supporter of radio controlled model aviation. I spend considerable amount of time and money on material and equipment from which I derive much enjoyment. I am just one of more than 1,600,000 organized model flyers. My concern for writing is the subject Docket.

I have written and expressed my concern to the FCC regarding the safety of their proposal and I should like to make you aware of the situation. The FCC proposal is to insert usable frequencies between the 10 KHz spread on the 72 MHz band now used for model aviation. These insertions will be for mobile use which will make it unsafe and extremely dangerous for those flying model airplanes. The mobile units are four times more powerful than the airplane output and being mobile it could affect more than one flying site at the time of its use. Interference of frequency while flying could result in the lose of expensive equipment in addition to causing property damage or serious injury to a spectator or flying personnel. There is no way of controlling a mobile unit and the interference it can cause.

It simply is not a wise or safe decision for the FCC to increase the operation of mobile radio at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may feel we are not so important as the business users of radios but we do have considerable amount invested in models and radio equipment and we should like to continue our safe use of this equipment.

Please help us by not allowing the FCC to carry out their proposal